

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF NOVEMBER 27th, 1929

The Board of Public Works met at the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on November 27th, 1929.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor,
John M. Dennis, Treasurer,
William S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.

The following letter from General Milton A. Reckord was read and considered:-

MILITARY DEPARTMENT

November 25, 1929

Honorable Albert C. Ritchie,
Chairman, Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Ritchie:-

I recently conferred with Mr. Gordy, State Comptroller, at which time we went over certain features of a recent audit made by the State Auditor, report of which Mr. Gordy had before him. Among other things, the report indicated that I had proceeded with certain work without first obtaining the authority of the Board of Public Works. I wish to say that the report in this respect is correct and that I did proceed with the work mentioned under the impression that the Bond Issue had been made to me as the Adjutant General, State of Maryland, and I did not know that the law carried a proviso to the effect that the work must be done with approval of the Board of Public Works.

The fault, therefore, is clearly my own and I assure you I regret that the full provisions of the Bond Issue were not carefully studied by me before proceeding.

I, therefore, request the authority of the Board of Public Works for the following construction:-

Construction of an additional Head House upon the
Frederick Armory located at Frederick, Maryland- - - - -\$27,250.00

Additions and repairs to Enlisted Mens' Clubhouse
and Locker Rooms at Pikesville, Maryland- - - - -11,000.00

The above work has been completed and accepted by this Department.

Very truly yours,

Milton A. Reckord,
Brigadier General,
Maryland National Guard.

Upon motion duly seconded the Board accepted the explanation by General Reckord and approved what had been done by him in the matter.

The following letter from the State Game Warden was read and considered:-

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

November 21st, 1929

Honorable Albert C. Ritchie,
Chairman, Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Honorable:-

I have this date looked over a tract of land containing about 265 acres in Harford county adjoining the Aberdeen Proving Ground near Perryman's Station on the Pennsylvania railroad.

I have found about 175 acres of arable land and about 90 acres set in timber, which will make a very good tract for a game refuge and if we decide to purchase same,

I would appreciate permission from your Board authorizing the purchase. The price requested is \$15.00 per acre; said area lying in the section where arable land is bringing from \$100 to \$150 an acre. It seems the buildings burned down on this property sometime ago, there was a mortgage on same and the party owning the property has since died and the Court has authorized the sale of this property to settle the estate.

Awaiting your further advice and thanking you very much for your co-operation,
I am,

Yours respectfully,

E. Lee LeCompte,
State Game Warden.

Upon motion duly seconded the Board authorized the State Game Warden to purchase the land mentioned in his letter at the price stated.

The Board of Directors of the Spring Grove State Hospital and Mr. Henry P. Hopkins, Architect for the new building to be erected at that institution, appeared before the Board of Public Works and stated that the cost of the new building would exceed the amount of \$400,000.00 appropriated. They stated that an appropriation of \$60,000.00 had been made for an addition to the present power plant, but that after considering the question of spending the money for an addition to the heating plant, it was decided that it would be unwise to make the addition due to the fact that later on the system would be inadequate to take care of further expansion. It was recommended that the Board be authorized to use out of the \$60,000.00 appropriated for heating, enough to make the necessary repairs to the system and use the balance of the \$60,000.00 allowance to add to the appropriation of \$400,000.00 for new buildings. The Board approved the recommendation and authorized the institution to proceed accordingly.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.